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2ID remembers Chipyeongri

By Pfc. Kim, Hyo Joong
Staff Writer

One of the most important battles of the Korean War took place in a small country village called Chipyeongri. On Feb. 15, after 57 years, the annual memorial ceremony for the fallen Soldiers of this conflict was held at this historical site.

Soldiers, South Korean War veterans, and civilians, joined 2nd Infantry Division Commander, Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, Maj. Gen. Oh, Jeong Suk, ROK 20th Mechanized Infantry Division Commander and Col. Nass, French Embassy Defense Attache at this event.

The victory at Chipyeongri changed the whole wartime situation at that moment. It gave back strategic control, which had been held by Chinese Communist Forces up to that point, to the combined forces. Consisting of the 23rd Regiment of 2ID and the French Army battalion, it was the first defeat of the CCF since fighting had begun in Korea. As a result of this battle, the United Nations forces pushed the CCF to the 38th parallel. In spite of the overwhelming number of enemies, the U.S., ROK and French Army



Yu, Hu Son

Soldiers from the ROK 20th Mech. Div. celebrate the Combined Forces' U.N. victory of the Battle of Chipyeongri during a reenactment at the annual Chipyeongri Memorial Ceremony Feb. 15.

achieved their collective victory.

"We stand here today to remember the legacy of veterans who fought so bravely during this historic moment in time," Morgan said.

After their remarks, wreaths were

laid upon each nation's monument in memory of the fallen Soldiers, paying tribute to their bravery and refusal to be defeated. In addition, the ROK 20th Mech. Division Soldiers reenacted the battle.

"This was an honor that I could attend this ceremony," said Pfc. Steven Christopherson, HHC, 70th Brigade Support Battalion. "I think this is something important that should be remembered by everyone."

Ironhorse Soldiers sharpen combat skills

**Story and photo by
Maj. Brad Doboszinski**
1HBCT Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY, Korea – There was a chill in the air at the Camp Casey military operations on urban terrain city, but even that could not stop the 302nd Brigade Support Battalion Soldiers from training and sharpening their urban combat skills.

With the help of the 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment as the Opposition Force, the "Ironhorse"

Soldiers trained on combat logistics patrols, which will help them in combat operations to ensure needed supplies get to Soldiers on the front lines.

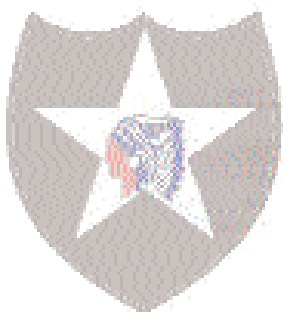
"Training like this is important, especially for service support Soldiers, because our mission is getting supplies and equipment forward to the rest of the brigade," said 1st Lt. Austin Luher, assistant battalion operations officer for 302nd BSB.

This week's long training offers different classes that culminate with a convoy.

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Sgt. Nicholas Sinosky Co. B, 1st Bn., 72nd AR, advances on a disabled vehicle as Ironhorse Soldiers prepare to defend themselves.



VOICE OF THE WARRIOR: What is your definition of respect?



*"You get as much as
you give, regardless of
your rank or position."*

1st Sgt. Michael Newsome
4th Chem. Co.

*"Recognizing other
people's potential."*

Cpl. Kim, Ja Hoon
B Battery, 6th Bn., 37 FA.



*"Giving a person
dignity for who they
are and what they
represent."*

WO1 Shawn Burns
HHC, 70th BSB

*"It's shown by the way
you conduct yourself
and the actions
toward others."*

Staff Sgt. Jemel Settle
D Co., 1st Bn., 72 AR.



*"Treating everybody
equally and
positively."*

Pfc. Brent Baker
A Co., 1st Bn., 38 FA

*"It's the most
important Army value
that I live by."*

1st Lt. Ashley Jenkins
HHC, DSTB



COMMANDER'S CORNER:

Upcoming exercise enhances our readiness

By Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan, III
Second Infantry Division Commander

Key Resolve starts soon. I am extremely excited about this upcoming training exercise. It will provide us an opportunity to see ourselves as we conduct our Planning, Decision-Making and Execution (PDE) cycle and Mission Essential Tasks, and it will also allow us to understand how we currently fight as a division.

This training, which will be nested with our higher, will allow the staff and brigades to collaborate and incorporate new training methodologies and ensure we are always ready to "Fight Tonight."

My expectations during this exercise will be to:

- conduct all combat operations with doctrinal troop leading procedures, rehearsals, risk assessments and after action reviews
- integrate our effects-based approach to the operations
- enforce collaborative planning at echelon, and
- refine our PDE cycle and staffing planning process

This exercise represents an important step in our readiness. The readiness we achieve through Key Resolve will not only enhance our warfighting capabilities and improve our battle command proficiencies, but it will sustain our abilities to always be ready to deter aggression, ensure peace and stability on the peninsula and be able to fight on any 21st Century battlefield.

Our upcoming training is well planned and organized and I am deeply committed to this division achieving its training objectives and key focus areas. I am also equally insistent that we execute training safely.

Risks will be associated with this training and I want us to do everything we can to mitigate risks. It is incumbent upon every commander and leader at all levels to take the necessary actions to alleviate those risks.

Let's ensure we give 100 percent to making this training exercise a huge success for our Soldiers, leaders and the division.

If we are doing our best at whatever task we are assigned to do, it will enhance our individual Soldier skills, which in turn enhances our division, already known for its excellence in training and readiness, to continue being the best division in our Army.

Make no mistake about it – I am very proud of each and every one of your efforts and total commitment to making this training exercise a huge success. I appreciate the hard work that every one has put into this training event in order to make this a premier training opportunity for the division and I expect each of you to train hard, conduct operations safely and accomplish every mission to standard. I have complete trust and confidence that we will achieve all of our goals because we are the Warriors who can get the job done.

Second to None!



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KATUSA wins Paik, Sun Yup with determination, motivation

**Story and photo by
Pfc. Sohn, Joon Hyung**
Staff Writer

Every KATUSA Soldier becomes a non-commissioned officer after one year of military service in the Army. Some know what an NCO is supposed to do, and that an NCO is responsible for the relationship between junior enlisted and senior enlisted Soldiers. Therefore, after one becomes a corporal, he takes the responsibility for taking care of young Soldiers.

Cpl. Jung, Jae Suk, S-3, Division Special Troops Battalion, participated in and won the Paik, Sun Yup board for the first quarter of 2008. He was one of four 2ID KATUSA Soldiers who won the award.

To compete for the division-level Paik, Sun Yup award, the Soldier must hold the rank of corporal or above, earn 90 points or higher in all parts of the Army Physical Fitness Test and be an expert marksman shooter.

Jung prepared two months to meet the requirements. Raising his PT score was especially challenging. "The rea-

son I committed to the board was because I wanted to have more respect from others after I became an NCO," said Jung. "I wanted to give the best shot if I could have a chance to succeed in the board. When my NCOIC, Sgt. 1st Class Roger Matthews, and my colleague Staff Sgt. Jimmy Punzo suggested I go to the board, I took the chance and was determined to be an outstanding Soldier competing against others."

The Paik, Sun Yup board covers the Korean War, Korean history, Gen. Paik and current issues regarding north Korea. Regulations are also covered.

Jung's self confidence and a positive manner were keys to winning the board.

"Whenever I felt weak and exhausted, I kept trying to talk to myself, saying, 'I can do it,'" said Jung.

As he gained more knowledge from the board, he became more open-minded and energetic.

He even learned how important it is to aim for the best as a Soldier. Even if the award means little for the



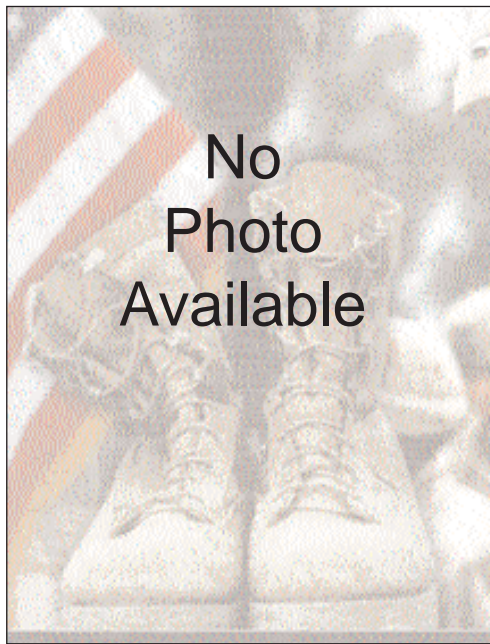
Cpl. Jung, Jae Suk, S-3, DSTB was one of four 2ID KATUSA Soldiers who won the first quarter of 2008 Gen. Paik, Sun Yup board.

Army, he gave tremendous influence to his colleagues and others. He earned respect for his excellence in knowledge and got a firm pat on the back.

"Motivation is an excellent opportunity to make Soldiers a better person overall," said Jung. "In Korea, there is

just one chance to serve my country in my lifetime. The challenge never comes back if you are not trying to grab it in the first place. Once you decide to do it, you will achieve morals and confidence for your remaining military service, or after the Army."

In Memoriam



Pfc. Mark Sheehy, 26, died Feb. 11 while on leave in San Francisco, Calif. He was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

Sheehy is survived by his mother and father.

A memorial service was held at the Camp Casey Bubble gym, Feb. 21.

Iron Team holds first Mil-to-Mil BBQ

By Pfc. Naveed Ali Shah
Staff Writer

The Iron Brigade held a Military-to-Military social event with the 60th Mechanized Brigade (ROK), at Camp Hovey's Iron Triangle Jan. 15 to strengthen personal and professional relationships.

The 1st HBCT has had a long-standing tactical sisterhood with the 60th Mechanized Brigade through field training exercises, but the key to the good neighbor program is a good relationship at the personal level as well, said Maj. Jason Shelton 1HBCT Civil Military Affairs Officer.

The event allowed the staff to socialize and become acquainted with each other on a one-on-one basis before their next joint field exercise.

"As we prepare and plan for Iron Focus IV with our ROK friends, it's important to take time from our busy schedule to get to know each other," said Col. Christopher E. Queen, commander, 1 HBCT, 2ID.

Both ROK and U.S. battalion command teams, some company commanders and senior NCOs were also invited to the event for the chance to meet the ROK Soldiers they'd be working with in their area of operations if a real life battle situation ever arose.

"The battalion commanders got the opportunity to interact with their ROK counterparts, which is really important," said Shelton. "It's a great forum for the ROK and U.S. forces to take a break from their day-to-day work and socialize instead."

The guests of honor were Brig. Gen. Joe Ramirez, Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver), 2ID, and Col. Kim, Jung-Chun, commander, 60th Mech Brigade. Kim will be participating in Iron Focus IV with elements of the 26th Armor Battalion said Queen.

"What we do impacts Northeast Asia," said Queen. "The ROK - U.S. Alliance promotes freedom, prosperity and democracy in the region and in the world."

IRONHORSE

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"The training is important because it teaches you standard tactics," said Sgt.

Nicholas Sinosky Co. B, 1st Bn., 72nd AR OPFOR commander. "Everything happens on the battlefield really fast, and they're not going to realize that until they get hands-on training to prepare them."

The lane was set up so that a convoy would roll into

the city with a real-world feel to it. Civilians on the battlefield added to that as the convoy had to adapt to movements as they rolled through the city.

Once the convoy was in the city, a simulated Improvised Explosive Device was detonated. The convoy then had to react to that IED as well as react to an ambush from the OPFOR.

"It is good for the 302nd BSB to use us as OPFOR, because we're infantry and

we know how to do this type of training," said Sinosky.

As the smoke cleared and the convoy finished its movement through the city, the OPFOR took a short pause to prepare for the next convoy.

"We designed this training to be similar to what is happening in Afghanistan and Iraq," said Luher. "We're preparing our Soldiers for what they will see when they PCS from here and deploy overseas."

4th Chem diversifies skills with FTX

Story and photo by Spc. Beth Lake

Editor

Soldiers from the 4th Chemical Company, Brigade Special Troops Battalion, overcame cold weather and high levels of yellow dust to fine tune their skills Feb. 10-14.

The field training exercise enabled the chemical specialists to bring out M93A1 NBC Reconnaissance System (FOX) vehicles which are too large to use in a garrison environment.

The exercise involved a crawl, walk, run process, said 2nd Lt. Mayra Lopez-Nanez, 4th Chemical Recon Platoon leader.

It gave Soldiers an opportunity to learn a variety of things about their equipment, from conducting preventative maintenance checks and services ,to reacting to incidents in the war zone.

It also taught them how their equipment will react when the elements change.

The cold weather can cause chemical agents to freeze and stay in the area longer, said Lopez-Nanez. The FOX uses a piece of equipment called a pro-ped that sucks the air in and heats it up in order to test for chemical agents.

"This has been a good experience for the Soldiers," said Sgt. 1st Class Stefan Stevens, 4th Chem. Co. recon platoon sergeant. "They are able



Two Soldiers from 4th. Chem. Co., BSTB, conduct preventative maintenance checks and services on their M92A1 NBC Reconnaissance System Vehicles (FOX) while on a field training exercise Feb. 10-14.

to put into practice and experience what we train on in the garrison, i.e. classroom training."

The Soldiers spent two days rehearsing how they would react to an ambush and calling in a nine-line MEDEVAC. They also conducted six-lane driver's training to prepare for situations when there are threats of improvised explosive devices.

The exercise gave Pfc. Gary Irvin, 4th Chem. Co., a FOX driver, a sense of trust in his equipment.

"We have gotten to do a lot of driving out here," Irvin said. "It helps you get to know how good your equipment really is."

The cold weather didn't stop Pfc. Matthew Eager, 4th Chem. Co. FOX vehicle Operator, from getting the most out of the experience.

He has spent the time in the field training new Soldiers and taking advantage of the opportunity to learn new skills.

In addition to honing his skills as an operator, he has been able to drive and TC.

The exerices taught everyone how to adapt and be flexible and to do any of the jobs that the leadership need done, said Eager.

"It has been really cold out here," Eager said.

"But by the end of the field training exercise we will have accomplished our mission even with the cold weather. It shows us we can overcome adversity and still accomplish the mission."

2ID responds to increase of DXM abuse among Soldiers

By Spc. Beth Lake

Editor

Dextromethorphan (DXM) is an ingredient that is found in many over-the-counter cough medicines. It is considered a safe and effective treatment for the common cold. However, many have started to abuse it by taking it in large amounts.

"These drugs can be used for recreational purposes to get high," said Lt. Col. Myron McDaniels, 2nd Infantry Surgeon.

One response to the growing problem was to have all AAFES stores pull DXM from their shelves.

"Some would come in and take packs or literally boxes and it would be off the shelves in a matter of days or weeks and the store would have to restock again," said McDaniels.

"The amount of these medications that is needed in order to feel better because you have a cold, and the amount you have to take to get the recreational high is a narrow window," he said. "It is easy to cross a threshold where one day you are ok, and the next day you are in the hospital in intensive care or worse than that, you could actually die."

For those who think they might

have a problem with DXM, 2ID and the Army offer many resources.

"If they do self-referral, that is actually looked at in a positive light, meaning that this Soldier recognizes that he/she has a problem and wants to get it taken care of," said McDaniels.

If Soldiers think they have a problem, they can talk to their chain of command, their health care provider, and even their unit ministry team or chaplain.

"When the issue is drug abuse, we often refer Soldiers to other agencies," said Chap. (Maj.) Jeff Burbank, 2ID Deputy Division Chaplain. "We then continue to support the work done with these and other agencies through individual counseling and support."

"As far as recreational drugs go, we know that, in general, it is a bad thing," McDaniels said. "No matter what it is, you are affecting your health and killing brain cells."

Soldiers should remember they are not alone in having to deal with dependency issues, Burbank said.

"However, they must act before things go from bad to worse. The sooner a Soldier or Family member admits there is a problem and seeks help, the less there is to lose in job status, Family trust, and other issues," said Burbank.

Military voting made easy

It's voting season in the U.S., and the political races are running full speed ahead in the campaign for the presidency.

There are rules and regulations a Servicemember must be aware of before he/she steps into that voting booth.

A Servicemember may:

- ✦ Register, vote and express personal opinions
- ✦ Encourage other military members to exercise their right to vote
- ✦ be part of a political club/meetings/rallies as a spectator (not in uniform)
- ✦ Make monetary contributions to a political organization
- ✦ Sign petitions for legislative action or place a candidate's name on a ballot
- ✦ Write letters to editors expressing personal views (not chain letters)
- ✦ Have bumper stickers on POVs
- ✦ Participate in local nonpartisan activities when not in uniform, not using government resources, and not interfering with duty, or government position involvement

A Servicemember may not:

- ✦ Engage in public commentary, including written submissions for publication concerning political campaigns or elections
- ✦ Distribute political campaign/election literature while in uniform, in official capacity, on DoD installations
- ✦ Use official authority to influence or interfere
- ✦ Be a candidate for, hold, or exercise functions of a civil office
- ✦ Participate in partisan political campaigns, speeches, articles, TV/radio discussions
- ✦ Serve in official capacity or sponsor a partisan political club
- ✦ Conduct political opinion survey
- ✦ March or ride in partisan parades
- ✦ Participate in organized transportation of voters

For more information on voting, refer to DoD Directive 1344.10.
Information courtesy of 2ID SJA Office.

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Black History
movie night

In recognition of African American History Month, 2ID EO presents 'A Night at the Movies' in the CRC Community Activity Center Feb. 28. Family members, civilians and Soldiers are welcome to attend.

Hours are as follows:

- School Daze: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Akeelah & the Bee: 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Indoor Swimming
Championship

MWR is sponsoring the "Warrior Country" Indoor Swimming Championship at the Indoor Swimming Pool, Camp Hovey March 8. The event is open to active-duty military, DoD civilians and their adult Family members stationed in Warrior Country.

The schedule is as follows:

- Race day registration: 9 a.m.-10 a.m.
- Briefing: 10:05 a.m.
- Competiton start: 10:20 a.m.

For more information, contact Warrior Sports at DSN 732-6927.

Bataan Death March

MWR is sponsoring the 2008 Eighth Army 8th Annual Bataan 13.1-Mile Road March. The qualifying event will be Feb. 23 at the Carey Fitness Center, Camp Casey. The event is open to active-duty military personnel assigned to Eighth Army installations. Those

who qualify will join the Eighth Army teams that will participate at the Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. For more information, contact your Garrison Sports Office or Kim, Pok Man, DSN 732-6927.

Women's History
Month

2ID and Area I will celebrate Women's History Month at the CRC Theater March 14. Hours are 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

EFMB competition

The 2008 Expert Field Medical Badge competition on the DMZ will be held at Warrior Base May 7-12 and 18-23. The deadline for EFMB candidates' packet submission is 9 a.m. April 3. Submit your packet to the Division Surgeon's Office, DSN 732-6039.

The deadline for Standard Name Line and cadre is 9 a.m. March 8. Key leaders must report to Warrior Base no later than noon April 25.

For more information, call DSN 732-7035.

Personal financial
readiness training

ACS is sponsoring mandatory training for all first-term Soldiers E-4 and below. The training will be held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Camp Casey ACS classroom and the third Tuesday of each month in the CRC Education Center. For more information, call

DSN 730-3107, 3089 and 3142.

Jokgu Tournament

MWR is sponsoring a "Warrior" Invitational Jokgu Tournament at the CRC Fitness Center March 20-21. The event is open to post-level Jokgu teams from Warrior Country. A team must register through their Enclave Sports Progammer no later than March 27.

For more information, contact Warrior Sports at DSN 732-6927 or Red Cloud Enclave Sports DSN 732-7757 and 6309.

Stanley
indoor pool hours

MWR has changed the operational days of the Camp Stanley Indoor Swimming Pool.

The schedule is as follows:

- Monday, Tuesday and Friday: 5 a.m.-8 a.m., 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 4 p.m.-8p.m.
- Wednesday and Thursday: Closed
- Saturday, Sunday and U.S. Holidays: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 4 p.m.-8 p.m.During the hours of 3 p.m.- 4 p.m., the pool is closed for lunch.

Boxing Competition

MWR is sponsoring a "Warrior" Invitational Boxing Competition at the Fitness Center, Camp Stanley March 22. The event is open to active-duty military personnel assigned to USFK installations in Korea.

For more information, contact Red Cloud Enclave Sports DSN 732-7757 and 6309.

Movies

Camp Casey

Show times: Fri.-Sat. 6:30 & 8:30 p.m., Sun. 3, 6:30 & 8:30 p.m., Mon.-Thur. 7:30 p.m.

February 22 ... National Treasure
Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story
February 23 ... P.S. I Love You
Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story
February 24 ... Fools Gold
National Treasure
February 25 ... Fools Gold
February 26 ... P.S. I Love You
February 27 ... The Dewey Cox Story
February 28 ... National Treasure
February 29 ... The Water Horse
One Missed Call

Camp Red Cloud

Show times: Fri.-Sat. 7 & 9 p.m., Sun. 6 & 8 p.m., Mon., Tue. & Thur. 7 p.m.

February 22 ... Fools Gold
Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story
February 23 ... The Dewey Cox Story
National Treasure: Book of Secrets
February 24 ... The Dewey Cox Story
P.S. I Love You
February 25 ... National Treasure
February 26 ... P.S. I Love You
February 27 ... No Showing
February 28 ... Jumper
February 29 ... Jumper
One Missed Call

Camp Hovey

Show times: Sat.- Sun. 3:30 & 7 p.m., Mon.-Fri. 7 p.m.

February 22 ... P.S. I Love You
February 23 ... National Treasure
Fools Gold
February 24 ... P.S. I Love You
Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story
February 25 ... National Treasure
February 26 ... Fools Gold
February 27 ... P.S. I Love You
February 28 ... The Dewey Cox Story
February 29 ... National Treasure

Camp Stanley

Show times: Sun- Mon. & Thu. 7 p.m., Fri. 6 p.m. & 8 p.m., Wed.& Sat. 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.

February 22 ... The Dewey Cox Story
National Treasure: Book of Secrets
February 23 ... P.S. I Love You
Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story
February 24 ... P.S. I Love You
National Treasure: Book of Secrets
February 25 ... The Dewey Cox Story
February 26 ... No Showing
February 27 ... Jumper
February 28 ... P.S. I Love You
February 29 ... The Water Horse
One Missed Call

Camp Humphreys

Show times: Sat.- Sun. 3:30, 6:30 & 9 p.m., Mon.-Tues., Thur.-Fri. 6:30 p& 9 p.m.

February 22 ... Fools Gold
February 23 ... The Water Horse
Fools Gold
February 24 ... The Water Horse
Fools Gold
February 25 ... National Treasure
February 26 ... National Treasure
February 27 ... The Dewey Cox Story
February 28 ... The Dewey Cox Story
February 29 ... Jumper

For additional movie times visit:
www.aaffes.com

CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES

Camp Red Cloud

Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

Catholic:

11:30 a.m. M-F

4 p.m. Saturday

9 a.m. Sunday

KATUSA

7 p.m. Sunday

COGIC

12:30 p.m. Sunday

Camp Casey

Stone Chapel

Protestant:

10 a.m. Sunday

KATUSA:

6:40 p.m. Tuesday

Memorial Chapel

Gospel:

11 a.m. Sunday

KATUSA:

6 p.m. Tuesday

West Casey Chapel

KATUSA:

6:30 p.m. Thursday

Protestant:

10:30 a.m. Sunday

Catholic:

12 p.m. Sunday

LDS:

2 p.m. Sunday

Camp Hovey

Hovey Chapel

Catholic:

9:30 a.m. Sunday

Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

KATUSA:

6 p.m. Tuesday

Crusader Chapel

Protestant:

11 a.m. Sunday

Camp Stanley

Protestant:

10 a.m. Sunday

Gospel:

11 a.m. Sunday

Catholic:

1 p.m. Sunday

KATUSA:

7 p.m. Tuesday

Camp Castle

KATUSA:

6 p.m. Tuesday

Points of Contact:

USAG-Red Cloud:

732-7469

CRC Catholic: 732-6428

Hovey Chapel: 730-5119

Memorial Chapel

730-2594

West Casey: 730-3014

Stanley: 732-5238

Humphreys: 753-7952

Castle: 730-6889

Saint Nicholas

Cathedral: 753-3153

LDS: 730-5682

Open-door gunnery tests Soldiers' ability

By Pfc. Edward Kulik

2CAB Public Affairs Office

The day was cold as pilots and crew chiefs loaded into a UH-60L Blackhawk with two M240s, setting out for a mission only a few get the privilege to do.

With the chilly air blowing upon their faces, the two gunners, stationed on opposite sides of the aircraft, were alert for their objectives.

Weapons blazed as the Blackhawk flew through the sky, with the gunners firing live ammunition. Crashes and booms could be heard from the containment area not far away.

The quarterly scheduled training ran through the beginning of January and was carried out by the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, "Wild Card" Battalion.

The training pushes Soldiers to perform their knowledge within the confines of an aircraft. Taking two Soldiers at a time, each is given the chance to fire upon the staged targets.

"The left side will fire during the first pass and the right side will fire

during the second pass on the way back to our landing site," said Pfc. Ever Benavides, B. Co., 2-2 Avn.

The participating Soldiers had the opportunity to attempt firing twice, once during the day and once during the night, and are given approximately 200 rounds, with which they were instructed to fire upon silhouettes and terrain.

"The only difference between the day and night training is that when night comes around the use of goggles (night vision goggles) are needed," Benavides said.

Although the exercise may seem simple, small factors such as variations within the training climate and wind speed can have an impact on the outcome of the training.

"I think it is easier to do the training in the summer because you do not have the wind adding a chill factor like in the winter. Also, down on the ground you do not have a wind factor trying to push your weapon around," Benavides said.

This bi-annual training is the third and final part of a Crew Chiefs Annual Proficiency Readiness Test, which also includes class time and a written exam.



Pfc. Edward Kulik

Soldiers of 2-2 "Wild Card" Battalion fuel Blackhawks Jan. 22 for open-door gunnery, a bi-annual training exercise for crew chiefs.

Sergeant's time training puts Soldiers on right 'track'

662nd Movement Control Team

CAMP CASEY, Korea - Soldiers from the 662nd Movement Control Team conducted Sergeant's Time Training on Rail Load Operations Jan. 31.

Staff Sgt. Richard D. West, Jr. trained the 662nd on proper rail-loading procedures. West initially focused on conducting a site survey and eventually moved on to demonstrate the proper rail load operations.

The 662nd MCT, Branch Movement Control Team Dongduchon, coordinates and executes movement of personnel and equipment by way of road, line-haul, and rail missions in support of units in the 2nd Infantry Division.

The participants were primarily new members of the unit who had just arrived from Advanced Individual Training. It also served as a refresher course for those who had not conducted rail operations in some time.

"Our Soldiers working at the Camp Red Cloud office do not get much experience with rail load operations," said Staff Sgt. Douglas Collins, NCOIC of 662 BMCT. "I myself, have not had much time in this (Military Occupational Specialty), let alone much experience working at a railhead. This training, I



Sgt. Kim, Sun Yung

Soldiers from the 662nd Movement Control Team practice staging loading, and tying down an M998 HMMWV for transportation within the Korean peninsula during their STT Jan 31.

can say is, very fundamental."

The training covered aspects of railhead operations from conducting an area survey to staging, loading, and tie-down procedures of military vehicles for transportation within the Korean peninsula.

"I am quite familiar with loading operations of aircraft," said Sgt. Michelle Ferguson, first line supervisor at 662 BMCT. "But this is my first time working at a railhead. It is quite different from the procedures of

the aircraft loading, and I am learning a whole lot from this training."

Ferguson worked to identify the center balance of the vehicles being loaded to ensure the vehicles were centered when loaded on the rail car.

"If a vehicle is not centered properly, it will become a safety concern and could mean the Soldiers will be out at the railhead all day making sure the problem is fixed," she said.

A variety of vehicles were used during the training, ranging from the

(M998) High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, the (M1075) Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck, and the (M88A2) Heavy Equipment Recovery Combat Utility Lift and Evacuation System.

"This was a successful exercise, largely because of the help of 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, Asset Management Yard, who provided us with the HEMTT and M88A2," said Sgt. Jin Woo Lee, 662 BMCT. "It was also successful because the lead instructor (West) did an outstanding job of preparing the information needed for the training."

"Our daily support to 2ID made it easy for me to go to the units and ask for help with this training," said West. "Staff Sgt. Leonardo Morinof of the Asset Management Yard and his support team quickly came to our services. With his years of experience, he was able to rally up a team, and they provided us with a couple of wheeled vehicles and an M88A2 recovery vehicle, as well as the drivers."

This STT assists the MCT in their preparation for the upcoming JCS exercise, Stryker Support, Key Resolve and the 25th Transportation Battalion Spearhead Olympics. The unit is also planning for a future rail load operations training, scheduled for May, which will expand to the M2 Bradley, Stryker and M1.

Downed aircraft repaired on simulated battlefield

602nd ASB and the ROK's 301st Avn. Bn. learn to save lives and billion dollar equipment on the battlefield during DART training.



**Story and photos by
Capt. Brad DeLoach**
2CAB Public Affairs Office

Soldiers from Company B, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion braved the extreme cold, high winds and the language barrier to conduct a combined downed aircraft recovery demonstration with the 301st ROK Aviation Battalion.

Nine Soldiers from Co. B., led by 1st Lt. Brandon Spence, got the call that a ROK CH-47 Chinook had been downed by simulated small arms fire striking a hydraulic line and a wiring harness. The Downed Aircraft Recovery Team jumped aboard a U.S. UH-60L Blackhawk and took off to repair the Chinook.

Once on the scene, the team set up security around the Blackhawk until it departed the area. They then assessed the damage and began repairing the disabled aircraft. Twenty minutes later, the simulated damage had been repaired, the aircraft was ready to rejoin the fight, and the team was ready for extraction.

This simulated downed aircraft was the culminating event of the combined demonstration. Prior to the event, the commander of Co. B., Maj. David Law, briefed members of



Soldiers from the 2nd Bn., 2nd Aviation Regt. pull security for a DART team during a joint exercise with the ROK's 301st Avn. Bn. at TAA Jerry, Jan. 30.

the 301st ROK Aviation Battalion on his unit's DART procedures.

After the brief, leaders of the 301st ROK Avn. Bn. and the ROK 2nd Avn. Brigade were shown the new Battle Damage And Repair kits composed of 11 different boxes that can be assembled together to fix any U.S. aircraft that may go down.

Members of the ROK 70th Aviation Support Battalion also

attended the briefing. They were on hand to show their BDAR kits, which allowed for members of both armies to come together to show off their abilities, discuss their equipment, and compare tactics and procedures with their ROK or U.S. counterpart.

This is not the first time that the 602nd ASB and the 301st ROK Avn. Bn. have come together to train, dis-

cuss maintenance and DART/BDAR operations. This past fall, the 602nd ASB briefed ROK Army commanders on aerial recovery operations.

"This was a great training experience, not only for us, but for the ROK army, and helped the foundation for future training events and it helped to strengthen our relationships between our two battalions and the brigades," Law said.

***The following
items have
a wearout
date
of April 30***



- Battle dress uniform
- Desert dress uniform
- T-Shirt, Brown
- Boots, combat, black leather
- Woodland, desert camouflage pattern caps
- Olive drab green name tape, U.S. Army tape
- Subdued olive green shoulder sleeve insignia and subdued sleeve insignia for meritorious wartime service
- Black rigger belt
- Belt web with open-faced black buckle
- Jungle boots (green and black)

World of travel: Ancient Park in Skyscrapers' city

By Pfc. Bo Park

Staff Writer

One of the most attractive features in the city of Seoul (and Korea) is how both the old and the new coexist. It is Seoul's biggest selling point as a city to attract visitors, which is exactly why after touring Seoul, this palace came to the top of the list as a 'must-see' when my American friend visited Korea for the first time.

This United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization world heritage site showed me that it definitely deserves this honorable title, not only for its tranquil beauty in architecture and exquisite use of space, but also for excellent preservation after hundreds of years.

There are many palaces in Seoul, all of which I have been to, but I honestly believe Changdeokgung Palace has the most original character that stands out by far because of its superior landscape design.

Changdeokgung Palace was originally built in 1405 during the Chosun Dynasty under King Taejong's reign, but was destroyed by Japanese invasion in the late 1500s. However, it would soon be reconstructed and



Pfc. Bo Park

The Pavilion gate at Aeryeonji, meaning loving lotus, is located near the secret garden in Changdeokgung palace.

functioning as the main royal palace for the longest period in Chosun history. It is often compared to Gyungbokgung, another royal palace in history, but if Gyungbokgung is known as the palace of grandeur, Changdeonkgung is known as the palace of charms.

There are 13 buildings remaining on the palace grounds and 28 pavilions in the gardens, occupying 110 acres. The building sites only cover about one-sixth of the actual grounds. The rest is like a natural path in a big

park. It is called 'Huwon,' which means secret garden, where royals would take walks.

The most amazing view you will see is looking beyond the path at the modern buildings in downtown Seoul, while standing right in the middle of silent greenery and surrounded by buildings that were built many centuries ago.

The palace is open to the public only on a guided tour basis, so it requires a bit of planning. Perhaps I was lucky to meet this particular tour

guide. My guide's witty explanation of the buildings and hidden meanings in the detail of the architecture made an 80-minute tour very enjoyable. Not to mention her surprisingly good English, which you don't encounter very often.

Even if you are not too keen on history, take it as a good stroll around an ancient park. You will get the sense of Korean beauty and find out why it's called the 'Land of the Morning Calm.'

Hours: It is open every day except Mondays. There is a mandatory guided tour for admission. English tours are at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. Other language tours are also available at various times. Admission is 3,000 won.

How to get there: Take the metro line #1 (dark blue line) from Uijeongbu Station or Dongducheon Station to Jongno-3-ga Station and transfer to Line #3 (orange line) toward Daehwa Station, and get off at Anguk station, which is only one stop. Take Exit #3 and walk straight for five minutes, passing the Ministry of Maritime Affairs building on the left. Soon you will see the entrance and the ticket booth on the left corner.

USO celebrates 67 years of service

By Pvt. Angela M. McKenzie

Staff Writer

It started in 1941, a turbulent period of time when President Franklin D. Roosevelt called for a recreational outlet for Servicemembers. Now, 67 years later, the United Service Organizations operate 130 centers in nine countries and 21 states.

Here in Korea, the USO Canteen at U.S. Army Garrison-Casey celebrated the organization's 67th birthday, Feb. 1.

The USO was first created on Feb. 4, 1941, in New York and has operated across the Republic of Korea since 1951.

The USAG-Casey command team joined in on the celebration and spoke on the importance of the USO in military life.

"We are very fortunate in 2ID to have the USO here on USAG-Casey," said Lt. Col. Donald Meisler, USAG-Casey commander. "It is a critical aspect of morale and the well being of Soldiers."

The 2ID USO served more than 118,000 Servicemembers, Families and civilians in 2007. The organization provides a place where Soldiers can eat, relax, or even take

a break during a field exercise with the USO's Mobile Canteen.

"Our job is to help Soldiers in any way we can," said James L. Allen, manager of the 2ID USO. "We come out to the range in our mobile canteen and have barbeques and free raffles."

All events the organization sponsors, such as their birthday, are held to boost morale for Servicemembers. The USO's history has proven, since the beginning, it will stand by American Servicemembers no matter where they are in the world.

"It's more than a tour program," said Meisler. "It's a part of our history."

The birthday celebration was held during lunch where more than 50 Soldiers and civilians in the USO Canteen listened to Allen and the USAG-Casey leadership.

"Our mission is to provide recreation and support wherever they (Servicemembers) are stationed, and we've been doing our best for the past 67 years," said Allen.

For more information on upcoming events and shows, contact the USAG-Casey USO at 730-4813.

IT'S TAX TIME! LET THE 2ID TAX ASSISTANCE CENTER PREPARE YOUR TAXES FOR FREE!

Tax season is here, and the 2nd Infantry Division provides first-rate Tax Assistance. Soldiers, retirees, their eligible Family members, and Department of Defense civilian employees are eligible for tax preparation services. This includes preparation of Federal returns and most State returns. The service saves the cost of paying a commercial agency to prepare their taxes. All tax center preparers receive comprehensive training from Internal Revenue Service instructors. Tax issues beyond the scope of the tax preparers will be referred to the Legal Assistance office.

Tax Assistance will be offered at three locations:

***Camp Casey: Division Tax Assistance Center
Maude Hall, Room 241***

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday: 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

***Camp Red Cloud: Mobile Tax Assistance Center
Freeman Hall, Room 122***

Tuesdays: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

***Camp Stanley: Mobile Tax Assistance Center
ADC(S) Building***

Wednesdays: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

A journey through time:

Manchus visit the past to plan for the future

Story and photos by Spc. Beth Lake
Editor

The guns were silent. Tanks no longer roared in fierce anger. The cries of battle were nonexistent as officers from the 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment gathered for a staff ride where, more than 50 years ago, U.S. and ROK Soldiers fought with blood, sweat and tears in defense of South Korea.

Atop the hillside, the wind swept briskly as the Soldiers viewed the vast Nakdong riverbed, where a critical battle took place for an area known as the Pusan Perimeter.

The Pusan Perimeter was vital to the war because it provided a port for the U.S. Army to bring in supplies and reinforcements. It is also where the 2nd Infantry Division began to push the enemy north.

Day 1 of the staff ride began with the leaders conducting a tactical exercise without troops. A TEWT allows leaders to test strategies without actual combat using the eight troop leading procedures.

The leaders of 2-9 Inf. Regt. broke into small groups and used the first two company level troop leading procedures, receiving the mission and issuing a warning order.

After analyzing their mission, the groups gave a presentation to Lt. Col. Michael Rauhut, 2-9 Inf. Regt. commander, on a specific battle and their understanding of events as they transpired. They also devised a plan of action that they would use today to defend the area using today's equipment.

Early the next morning, the "Manchus" boarded a bus with maps and battle plans in hand and traveled to each site to discuss any changes they, as leaders, would make based on the terrain.

"One of the challenges we have as leaders is visualizing the fight," Rauhut said. "We have to see the enemy, see the terrain we are going to fight on. By using the ground we actually fought on during the Korean War, we are able to touch on

both the current lessons learned and train as well as connect with our history."

For Capt. Paul Tanghe, former executive officer of Co. C, 2-9 Inf. Regt., the staff ride linked the past with the present.

"This fight is important to understand because even though the international situation has changed since 1950, even though the Korean domestic situation has changed, even though technology of our Army has changed and the capability of the ROK Army is so far beyond what the situation was in 1950...the geography of Korea hasn't changed," said Tanghe. "You can't understand what a war did look like in Korea and what a war would look like in Korea unless you understand the terrain."

In addition to understanding the fight, the group met with Lee, Chil Young, a South Korean War veteran who shared his memories of fighting alongside the "Manchus" as a KATUSA during the Korean War. Lee traveled to the memorial, where he and Rauhut laid a wreath made of white chrysanthemums at the memorial. Chrysanthemums are the traditional flower used in Korea to offer condolences.

The staff ride also gave leaders from 2-9 Inf. Regt. an opportunity to walk in the shoes of those who fought before.

Tanghe summed up his experience of the staff ride using the words of T.R. Fehrenbach, who wrote one of the most renowned books on the Korean War.

Fehrenbach wrote "Men who have never walked these hills will never adequately understand what happened to the 2nd Division."

"So we are here to walk these hills and to understand what happened to the 2nd Division and from that, understand what American and Korean Soldiers did here in 1950 and to understand what we can do here today," said Tanghe.



Leaders from the 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt. gather at the Nakdong River, the site of a two-week battle in August 1950. Enemy forces built a bridge at night in an attempt to cross the river and conduct a surprise attack.



Second Lt. Joh, Tom, 2-9 Inf. Regt., Signal Officer, listens as Lee, Chil Young describes his time in battle during the Korean War. Lee fought alongside the Manchus with the 7th Regiment, 5th Division as a KATUSA.



Capt. Rob Fields, assistant S-3, 2-9 Inf. Regt., holds a wreath that was presented at the Changyeong Bakjin Battle Memorial to honor U.S. and Korean Soldiers who fought and died during the Korean War.

Newspaper competition

2ID PAO Keith L. Ware Awards

The 2ID Public Affairs Office won 16 awards, including nine first places, at the annual 8th Army Keith L. Ware newspaper competition. The awards ceremony took place at the Dragon Hill Lodge in Yongsan, Jan. 25.

The Winners will go on to compete at the DA level Feb. 26.

Best Feature

1st place, Pfc. Phillip Adam Turner, 2ID PAO

Best Commentary

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Best Sports

1st place, Pfc Naveed Ali Shah, 1HBCT PAO

Best Stringer story

1st place, Pfc. Kim, Hyo Joong, 2ID PAO

2nd place, Pfc. Sohn, Joon Hyung, 2ID PAO

3rd place, Pfc. Park, Bo Kyoo , 2ID PAO

Best Stringer photo

2nd place Pfc. Huh, Ho Jin, 2ID PAO

Rising Star

An award for a print journalist who has been in the military less than 24 months.

1st place, Spc. Beth Lake, 2ID PAO

3rd place, Pfc. Naveed Ali Shah, 1HBCT, PAO

Broadcast

Radio News Report

1st place, Spc. Monique Sapp, 2ID PAO

Radio Feature Report

1st place, Spc. Monique Sapp, 2ID PAO

Television News Report

1st place, Spc. Monique Sapp, 2IDPAO

Television Feature Report

1st place, Spc. Monique Sapp, 2ID PAO

Best Newspaper, Tabloid Format

1st place, The Indianhead, 2ID PAO

Best KATUSA publication

KATUSA section of the 2ID Indianhead

Best overall Web site

2ID Web site, managed by

Maj. Kimeisha McCullum and Ron Rogers

New training tools available

By J.D. Leipold

Army News Service

WASHINGTON - Several of the Army's latest techno training tools were displayed on Capitol Hill, including a life-size medical mannequin that can blink, tear, salivate and even show allergic reactions, and a real-time language translator Soldier's wear on their wrist that will speak for them.

Sponsored by Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation, the closed-to-the-public demonstrations were open to members of Congress and their staffs to experience first-hand interactive military simulations and training devices that currently prepare warfighters for their missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Part of the Medical Simulation Training Center - the life-size, full-weight human mannequin - was a highlight of the event. This combat casualty care instruction mannequin represented the Army's standardized medical training program and is intended to reduce the die-of-wounds rate on the battlefield by providing Soldiers with skills to save the wounded.

Through hands-on instruction, Soldiers learn to treat the mannequin. They also practice intubations, tracheotomies, inserting catheters, applying splints, treating open chest wounds and inserting intravenous solutions.

Maj. Dave Thompson, assistant product manager for the medical simulation training center program at PEO-STRI said the virtual patient is tethered to a power and fluid supply which is what allows it to breathe, bleed and to react to the medical assistance being rendered.

The drawback to this "bleed-breathe" mannequin is that training on it is limited to classrooms. During urban field training, such as assaulting a building, dead-weight mannequins are used so when a Soldier comes across a "casualty," he transports it back to the aid station where he looks up at the instructor for guidance and then proceeds with the medical attention.

"We're working with our developmental partners to develop a tetherless capability which will

be a self-contained mannequin that we envision can be used for extraction in field training," said Thompson. "That would make it even more realistic, so that a medic or combat lifesaver actually has to reach back and check on that patient during the extraction phase."

All Soldiers will experience the tethered mannequin at one of 18 centers worldwide and become combat lifesaver certified.

While the medical training plays out when Soldiers are wounded or hurt in combat zones, the Vcommunicator Mobile is assisting Soldiers with communication efforts and aiding them to engage with Iraqi and Afghani populations as Soldiers conduct operations.

Vcommunicator Mobile is a one-way translation device configured from an Apple iPod personal entertainment system. It's a multi-functional, multimedia language and culture learning tool strapped onto the wrist that provides Soldiers the ability to converse in Arabic, Kurdish, Dari and Pashtu while also portraying correct cultural mannerisms, and it may be used for training during downtime.

Ernie Bright, operations manager for Vcom 3D and builder of the device, said the company first started fielding the units in October after training demos at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., where the communicator was put to the test with real native speakers in village scenarios.

Strapped onto the wrist, the small digital screen can display a 3D avatar that comes up as a military character which then shows the Soldier how to speak one of the four languages phonetically and how to make the appropriate matching gestures. The Soldier can also display the written language and have the dialogue transmitted out loud for him. If the Soldiers are seeking someone, a photo can be displayed.

Soldiers may choose from a list of 20 missions, ranging from basic conversations covering a wide range of missions, from raids, to medical assistance to detainee processing.

"This device provides Soldiers with phrases like 'get down on the ground,' which is a rough phrase, but there are also phrases like, 'may I give your children these gifts,' Bright said.

ACS means education, support, direction in planning your future

By Pvt. Angela M. McKenzie

Staff Writer

Inside this fast-paced military environment, Soldiers often need a break to broaden their personal and professional skills.

The Army Community Service program offers classes for Soldiers and Families to take that extra step to learn some of life's core skills.

"Those individuals that can cope and enjoy Army life are more likely to contribute to the community, enhance readiness, and encourage retention," said Heejung Sackett, 2nd Infantry Division ACS Family Advocacy specialist.

ACS facilities are located on each U.S. Army Garrison throughout 2ID.

Each advisor in the program is trained through the Army, and often has a degree in the field in which they teach.

The program is less of a classroom setting and

more of a discussion group, where everyone speaks of their personal experiences and learns from each other and the ACS advisor.

"When I sense that Soldiers become more confident about themselves in terms of being in charge of their lives, I feel I gave something good back to our community," said Sackett. "However, believe or not, I have learned so many lessons and wisdom from my clients and students."

The program offers solutions to problems, advice and support by providing classes. The classes include the Army Volunteer Corps, Army Family Action Plan, Army Family Team Building, Family Advocacy, Relocation and Deployment Readiness, Employment Readiness and Financial Readiness. They also offer information for the U.S. Visa application process in Korea.

A Soldier or Family member may go to any local ACS installation and speak with an advisor. Advisors are flexible to the Family member's or Soldier's schedule as often as they can. The classes

are scheduled upon the person's request or they may attend a class previously scheduled.

"Sometimes it is hard for Soldiers to come because they have field training exercises," said Gwendolyn McCarthy, Financial Readiness manager and Army Emergency Relief officer. "But the chain of command keeps us up to date on when the Soldiers will be able to attend the class again."

Along with the discussions, Soldiers may receive books and pamphlets concerning a specific subject and can even earn promotion points for attending the classes. Soldiers need a DA Form 87 signed by the installation ACS director to receive the promotion points.

The classes provide an escape from the hectic work environment. Rather than focusing on personal issues, Soldiers can focus their full attention on the mission.

Providing Soldiers throughout 2ID with educational material, advice and support is a continuing goal for ACS.

February Warrior Sports



Pvt. Angela M. McKenzie



Pfc. Phillip Adam Turner

February has been an exciting month in the world of sports for 2ID! It seems as if everyone has been getting more active, and the Warrior Sports programs have been a big factor in getting Soldiers up and moving around in the name of competition.

A wide array of sports and activities have been offered this month, including aerobics, which is open to all who are interested in keeping that new years resolution of getting in better shape.

The AREA I KATUSA Basketball Championship was held Feb 14-15, and the Camp Red Cloud Invitational Wrestling tournament was held Feb. 16 at the CRC Physical Fitness Center.

The MWR Warrior Sports Program and the Indianhead would like to congratulate all participants and champions from Feb. and extend an open invitation to new participants for future Warrior Sports programs.

SECOND TO NONE!!!



Pvt. Angela M. McKenzie



Spec. Beth Lake



Pfc. Phillip Adam Turner

The Mitchell Report is not the enemy

By Pfc. Phillip Adam Turner
Assistant Editor

An investigation launched in March of 2006 about the use of performance-enhancing drugs in America's favorite pastime has become known world-wide as the "Mitchell report," and has cast a shadow over Major League Baseball.

Released Dec. 13, 2007, the congressional investigation has implicated hundreds of players for the use of steroids and human growth hormone (HGH) over the past several seasons. Barry Bonds, no. 1 all-time in home runs, Roger Clemens, no. 1 all-time in Cy Youngs, Mark McGwire who has hall of fame numbers, and Ken Caminiti the 1996 National League Most Valuable Player, are just a handful of players whose names, records, and future Cooperstown inductions have been tarnished by the steroids scandal. Some skeptics say there's no way to pinpoint when the steroids era began, so they argue records shouldn't be stricken from the books.

In an interview with ESPN's Dan Patrick in 2002, the incomparable Bob Costas called the post labor dispute era (1994 players strike), the "steroids era." Before 1994 there had only been 18, 50-plus home run seasons in MLB's storied existence. From 1995 up to the point this interview happened, there were 19. Many argue that the "juiced ball" or hitter friendly ball-parks are to blame. What ever the reason the increase in

power over the past 14 seasons can't be ignored.

So who is to blame? There is definitely no doubt that the criminal actions of these athletes should not go unpunished or be overlooked. The reason this question needs to be asked is because where was the zero tolerance and mandatory testing policies during the power-surged home run chases of the late 90's and early 21st century? No one seemed to care much that players were testing positive for steroids before Congress stepped in with a full-on investigation into drug use and testing policies of MLB.

However, it's easy to turn the other cheek when laboratory-enhanced athletes are filling venues with fans paying to see 100-MPH pitches and 500-foot blasts off the bats of mere mortals.

Former Atlanta Brave and Texas Ranger relief pitcher John Rocker, who was named in the Mitchell Report, recently came forward and admitted to his guilt in this investigation. Rocker's use of steroids really comes as no surprise; however what does is his account of a drug test he was given while he was still employed by MLB.

Rocker said he gave a "dirty" sample at a random drug screening conducted by the commissioner's office during the 2000 season. Expecting a swift fine and some type of suspension, Rocker said the commissioner's office, as well as his team office, just turned the other cheek and asked him

to get clean. If you think this was a genuine plea for a "dirty" player to get clean, I have some oceanfront property in Arizona I want to sell you, "and I'll throw the golden gate in free."

Now, I'm sure the conversation sounded something like this:

'Its OK. We as an organization, and you as a professional athlete are above the federal laws of the United States Government. We, the rich and the privileged, just pick and choose which laws we would like to follow and which ones don't really fit into our lifestyle. Besides, who's going to find out? It's not like Jose Canseco is going to write a book about the only reason he was any good in this league is because we let him get away with using "Roids" for so long. HA, HA, HA!

I personally am genuinely concerned and hurt by the findings of the investigation. I really feel as if a piece of my childhood and adolescence has been taken from me, seeing as half of the men on this list were people I dreamed of being and looked to as role models growing up.

We are living in sad times when professional wrestlers have stricter policies against the use of steroids than professional athletes. I mean how is it possible for World Wrestling Entertainment to regulate the use of performance enhancing drugs better than MLB. Upon my review of the drug policy in the WWE, I found more holes than a shower head, yet they have still sus-

pending more athletes for the use of steroids in the past three years than MLB.

What can be done? This should not be the question; the answer is to simple, mandatory testing every month conducted by a team physician who has signed a contract to disclose any and all drug testing information to the commissioner's office. Multi-million dollar construction companies do it, and so can all professional sports.

Whatever the case may be, MLB has to level the playing field. If a player has tested positive for steroids or any other illegal substance you fine them, suspend them and enroll them in rehab till they pass three consecutive drug screenings. If a player can't follow these simple rules the decision is easy. They pay back all earnings, including bonuses, strip them of personal records, awards, and ban them for life from the game.

I think MLB should be more loyal to their fans than their employees; after all we are the ones paying their salaries. Its time to end this circus and get back to the purity of the game. Less HRs, fine, slower pitches, OK. Sounds to me like a more competitive sport, and something I as a true sportsman would pay to see.

All views and opinions herein are solely those of Pfc. Phillip Adam Turner, and do not reflect those of the chain of command or the Indianhead Publication. For comments, e-mail phillip.a.turner@korea.army.mil

1HBCT bowling league wraps up exciting season

By Pvt. Naveed Ali Shah

1HBCT Public Affairs Office

The last-seeded "Too Easy" came back to take 2nd place in the exciting finals of the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team's weekly staff bowling league at Hovey Lanes Bowling Alley, Camp Hovey Jan. 23rd.

The staff has been building toward the heavily anticipated finals since early October. The Iron O's had been the favorite to win due to an excellent record, and the Holy Rollers were trailing in a close second.

But when the two teams went head-to-head, the Holy Rollers came out on top once and the Iron O's won the second meeting.

While the rest of the league had exciting up and down games, Too Easy's dismal record progressively worsened. That is, until the finals. Too Easy came back with such ferocity that they knocked out the top team in the first round and almost took the entire tournament. It seemed as if the underdog would have come out on top.

Their inspiring performance would almost be comparable to the Giants in this year's Super Bowl, but unlike the Giants their performance was not quite so coordinated. Their otherwise mediocre skills appeared to have undertaken an amazing turnaround overnight. By the end of the finals their remarkable performance pinned them against the second-seeded Split Happens.

Despite Too Easy's best effort, in the end it was Split Happens who came out on top, putting an electrifying finish on an already outstanding season.

The Iron Brigade staff will continue to build upon this foundation of teamwork with a spring sporting league.



Maj. Brad L. Doboszenski

Front row from left : CSM Stephen Gray (Speed Kills), CW4 Uriel E. Amey (Too Easy), Maj. Samuel Hales (Tick Birds), Spc. Katheryn M. Martin (Illegal Intelligence) Back row from left : Alexander Corby (Airheads), Chap (Maj.) Kenneth Williams (Holy Rollers), Maj. Mike Stinchcomb (Iron O's), Maj. Steven Fandrich (Split Happens)